

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/824,820

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the interviews conducted on 6/10/05 & 6/13/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 40-43.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 15 April 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>06132005</u> . |
| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>05/02/05</u> | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in telephone interviews with Mr. Vern Schooley on 06/10/2005 and 06/13/2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification,

page 37, line 15: after the recitation "pendant 230 having" insert --selection switch means including--.

Claims 24, 25, 27-34 and 36-39 have been cancelled.

In claim 40,

line 2: after the recitation "automobile" insert --having a steering wheel and a--,

line 13: after the recitation "including selection" insert --switch--,

line 19: after the recitation "replacement fluid therein" insert --while holding said remote pump actuating means--,

after line 20, indent and insert as a new paragraph --rotating said steering wheel of said automobile to a full extent in a first direction and then to a full extent in the opposite direction while holding said remote pump actuating means--,

line 22: after the recitation "alternately actuating" delete "step" and substitute --and rotating steps--,

line 24: after the recitation "only fresh fluid" insert --while holding said remote pump actuating means--.

In claim 43,

line 1: after the recitation "automobile" insert --having a steering wheel and a--,

line 17: delete ", alternately actuating",

line 21: after the recitation "steering fluid in the reservoir" insert --while holding said hand-held remote pump actuator--,

after line 21, indent and insert as a new paragraph --rotating said steering wheel of said automobile to a full extent in a first direction and then to a full extent in the opposite direction while holding said hand-held remote pump actuator--,

lines 22-23: delete "the color of power steering fluid in said power steering fluid" and substitute --, said rotating step and said observing step repeatedly--,

line 24: after the recitation "fresh power steering fluid" insert --while holding said hand-held remote pump actuator --.

Claim 44 has been cancelled.

2. Claims 40-43 are allowed over the prior art of record.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: none of the cited prior art teaches a method for exchanging fluid with an automobile having a steering wheel and a power steering fluid reservoir including, in conjunction with other limitations, the steps of operating the remote pump actuator to alternatively (one after another in successive sequence) drain and fill the fluid reservoir then rotating the steering wheel and then observing the color of the fluid, then repeating the operating,

rotating and observing steps repeatedly until a fluid color observed in the observing step indicates a complete power steering fluid exchanged while holding the remote pump actuator.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

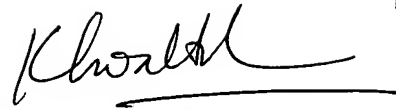
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Khoa D. Huynh whose telephone number is (571) 272-4888. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:00-4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Justine Yu can be reached on (571) 272-4835. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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